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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING STATEMENT TO SENATOR MATHIAS AT
OPENING OF BUSINESS JULY 20 FROM CHARLES COGEN, SENATOR'S
PRESS SECRETARY: BEGIN TEXT:

BEGIN QUOTE: (TITLE: MATHIAS LEGISLATIVE STATEMENT,
RELEASED 10:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1976)

THE ONLY ROAD BACK FOR THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IS THE HIGH
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ROAD. TO STAY ON THE HIGH ROAD MEANS TO STICK TO THE
HARD SURFACE - AND TO AVOID THE SIDE TRACKS THAT HAVE
BOGGED THE PARTY DOWN FOR FORTY YEARS OF DECLINING MEMBER-
SHIP AND INFLUENCE. IT MEANS KEEPING OUR EYES ON THE
STARS AND OUR FEET IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD.

THAT ROUTE SHOULD LEAD US DIRECTLY TO THE CONCERNS OF THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE AND THE BASIC NEEDS OF SOCIETY TODAY,
FROM JOBS AND HOUSING TO MEETING THE ENERGY CHALLENGE,

FROM SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF TO CONTROLLING CRIME BY CONTROLLING REPEAT OFFENDERS AND MAKING THE PENAL SYSTEM MORE EFFECTIVE. THE REPUBLICAN PARTY CAN BE USEFUL TO THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA BY FACING THE PROBLEMS OF THE

COUNTRY AND HELPING TO SOLVE THEM. WHEN THE PEOPLE AGAIN SEE THAT THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IS A USEFUL INSTITUTION, THEY WILL WANT TO USE IT AND TO EMPLOY REPUBLICANS AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF NATIONAL LEADERSHIP.

ON THE OTHER HAND, I DOUBT THAT CONTINUED BICKERING BETWEEN THE FACTIONS WITHIN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY WILL STIR MUCH INTEREST IN THE GENERAL PUBLIC OR ATTRACT MANY NEW RECRUITS AMONG THE INTELLIGENT AND SKEPTICAL YOUNGER GENERATION. NOR DO I THINK THAT MANY VOTERS, REPUBLICAN OR OTHERWISE, WILL BE GALVANIZED INTO ACTION BY HEARING REPEATEDLY THAT THE OLD REPUBLICAN STABLE FULL OF WIND-BLOWN NAGS ARE READY TO RUN AGAIN IN 1978 OR 1980. WHAT WILL INTEREST PEOPLE IS NOT THE EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS OF REPUBLICAN POLITICIANS, BUT WHAT REPUBLICANS CAN DO FOR THE COUNTRY NOW AND THROUGHOUT 1977.

IT IS SOMETIMES OVERLOOKED THAT THE FOUNDERS OF THE REPUBLIC LONG AGO PROPOSED AN AGENDA FOR POLITICAL PARTIES
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AND FOR INDIVIDUAL CITIZENS: "...TO FORM A MORE PERFECT UNION, ESTABLISH JUSTICE, INSURE DOMESTIC TRANQUILITY, PROVIDE FOR THE COMMON DEFENSE, PROMOTE THE GENERAL WELFARE, AND SECURE THE BLESSINGS OF LIBERTY..." THERE IS MUCH WORK YET TO BE DONE ON THIS AGENDA, AND IF WE ATTEND TO IT, THE PEOPLE WILL RESPOND TO, AND SUPPORT US.

TO THIS END, I HAVE BEEN DRAFTING A SERIES OF LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS THAT ADDRESS THE CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES. THEY SEEK SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS THAT HURT ALL OF US, BUT ELUDE SIMPLE ANSWERS. I AM TODAY RELEASING A LIST OF THESE BILLS WHICH I SHALL INTRODUCE ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE NEW SESSION OF CONGRESS.

ONE OF THE REASONS I AM MAKING THE TEXTS OF THE BILLS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AND TO MY COLLEAGUES IS TO SEEK HELP IN HAVING THEM ENACTED INTO LAW. I HOPE THAT REPUBLICANS WILL CO-SPONSOR THEM AS POSITIVE AND RATIONAL PROGRAMS CONSISTENT WITH OUR TRADITIONS. I HOPE THAT DEMOCRATS WILL SUPPORT THEM AS REASONABLE AND EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO DEAL WITH STUBBORN, LONG TERM PROBLEMS. MOST OF ALL, I HOPE THAT CITIZENS ACROSS THE COUNTRY WILL FIND IN THEM A SOURCE OF HOPE AND CONFIDENCE THAT THERE ARE STILL NO PROBLEMS TOO BIG FOR AMERICA.

FOR A HUNDRED YEARS THE IDEA THAT MOVED THE REPUBLICAN PARTY WAS "FREEDOM" -- THE SIMPLE BASIC CONCEPT THAT ALL AMERICANS SHOULD BE FREE AND EQUAL BEFORE THE LAW. THE PUBLIC PERCEIVED THAT WE HAD FLAGGED IN OUR INTEREST IN FREEDOM EVEN BEFORE WE OURSELVES HAD NOTICED IT. NOW THE

TIME HAS COME TO RETURN TO THE SOURCE OF INSPIRATION, FOR INSPIRATION IS SORELY NEEDED TODAY. LIBERTY AND FREEDOM ARE CHALLENGED TODAY BY FORCES AS STRONG AS THE SLAVERS' CHAINS AND MUCH MORE SUBTLE.

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THESE BILLS HAVE BEEN DRAFTED WITH A VIEW TO IMPRINTING ON THE STATUTE BOOKS THE CONCEPT OF LIBERTY AS WE APPLY ANCIENT PRINCIPLES TO MODERN PROBLEMS. IT IS A JOB FOR ALL REPUBLICANS AND A GOAL FOR ALL AMERICANS. END QUOTE. END TEXT. VANCE

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